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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I have not been in full support of this lawsuit from the beginning and am happy to see it finally over. I hope that people will realize what a good settlement that you have worked out and I hope that they come to accept it as well.

The settlement reached was fairly negotiated and equitable for both sides. Microsoft did not get off easy by any means. The settlement does, however, answer most of the complaints from Microsoft's competitors without needlessly burdening the company. For instance, Microsoft will be disclosing internal interface information to its competitors as well as designing future versions of Windows so that software developers and consumers can more easily promote their own products.

I hope that you will listen to the opinion of the many people who write into you, who daily depend on and support Microsoft and their products. Microsoft is a fine company and deserves the opportunity to compete aggressively for business. This settlement gives them that opportunity without denying others that same opportunity.

Sincerely,

Ronald Johnson